



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation



Fourth of July Parade Rules and Regulations

Any entry that fails to comply with any of the below rules and regulations will not be allowed to participate in the parade.

PREPARING FOR PARADE:

- Please designate only one parade contact person.
- All entries must have completed an application and paid the \$15 entry fee (Check payable to Bloomington Parks and Recreation) by Monday June 15th.
- No one under the age of 6 will be permitted to march unless prior permission has been granted by parade officials.
- All participants must be uniformed, costumed or appropriately attired.
- Entrants should coordinate with the parade theme in some manner. The theme for 2009 is "Get Active, Bloomington".
- We ask all participants to be creative this year and really add some excitement to your parade entry. Some things that could add some FUN to your entry are a themed float, lawn mower brigade, drummers, colorful or patriotic flags, balloons, hula hoops, bicycles, music, jugglers, stilts or unicycles. Please feel free to call or email Sarah Nix at 349-3748 or nnixs@bloomington.in.gov with any questions concerning the parade or if you just want to brainstorm some new and creative ways to make your entry stand out this year.
- All dignitaries are expected to provide their own convertibles, drivers and signage and follow all registration procedures.
- Awards will be given out in the following categories:
Best Use of Theme, Best Youth Entry, Best Antique Auto, Best Equestrian, Best Musical Entry, Best Overall Entry, Most Creative Entry, and Best Walking Entry.

GROUP LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES (MAIN CONTACT):

- Leaders are responsible to communicate all rules and regulations to their group members.
- Please print this and hand out to parade participants. If you need additional copies, we will have some available.
- Signed waivers including parental signatures for participants under the age of 18 must be submitted to the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department at packet pick-up on Thursday June 25th. You can pick up your packet from 8:00am - 5:00pm in the Parks and Recreation Office in Suite 250 of City Hall (the Showers Building).
- Check-in the morning of the parade will be from 7am - 8:45am and all participants must be in their assigned holding spot by 9am. **Roads will close at 9am to traffic, you may not be able to gain access to your loading spot at 9am.**
- You will not be allowed to participant in the parade without a completed waiver.

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CHECKING IN FOR PARADE:

- Check-in the morning of the parade will be from 7am - 8:45am and all participants must be in their assigned holding spot by 9am. You must have picked up your parade packet prior to check-in. **Roads will close at 9am to traffic, you may not be able to gain access to your loading spot at 9am.**
- Only vehicles that will be used during the parade will be allowed to enter the holding zones. **Parking for all others is available at Poplars Parking Garage on 6th Street or Parking Lot #2 across from the Indiana Memorial Union. For more information on parking see the additional map for "Parade Parking" that will be included in your packet at packet pick-up**
- All entries will be reviewed and approved by parade officials prior to the parade, any entry that is deemed inappropriate will not be allowed to participate.

DURING THE PARADE:

- Nothing may be thrown (i.e. candy, flags, buttons) from any parade entry. Violators will be removed from the parade, while in route, if necessary. Items may be handed to parade observers.
- The front rider or group leader in each entry must wear the entry number on their right arm for the duration of the parade.
- All entrants must carry an identification banner.
- FORWARD motion must be maintained throughout the entire parade route. DO NOT PLAN ROUTINES IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS STOP AND PERFORM WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL. This creates gaps in the parade.
- Entries will not be allowed to stop in front of the reviewing stand.
- As you proceed through the route, please leave sufficient room between entries, allowing spectators to differentiate your entry from the entry before you.

AFTER THE PARADE:

- One your entry has completed the parade route please return back to your staging location until the roads are cleared and the parade is complete. Streets will then open when the parade is over and it will be safe to travel.
- Use your staging location as a place to "meet-up" with others.
- Do not block the streets once you have completed the parade route.